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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INDIAN OCEAN CONFERENCE

REF: PORT LOUIS 794

1. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO REFTEL REQUEST.

2. INDIAN AMB KAUL-UNDER SECRETARY PORTER, 12/6/73:

QUOTE: INDIAN OCEAN. IN ANSWER TO KAUL'S QUERY ABOUT THE SEVENTH FLEET PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, PORTER EXPLAINED THAT WE TALKING OF PERIODIC VISITS NOT PERMANENT PRESENCE. WE DID NOT THINK THIS SHOULD DISTURB THE COUNTRIES OF THE AREA. WE RECOGNIZED INDIA'S INTEREST AND WERE PLEASED DELHI WAS TREATING MATTER IN RESTRAINED FASHION.

KAUL SAID THAT INDIA HOPED AREA WOULD NOT BECOME FOCUS OF MAJOR POWER RIVALRY AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE A CONFERENCE OF
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SIDER HOW TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM. HE HOPED US WOULD CONSIDER THIS IDEA. PORTER RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD, OF COURSE, DO SO, NOTING THAT IF COUNTRIES OF REGION SUPPORTED PROPOSAL, WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY GIVE IT SERIOUS ATTENTION. KAUL ADDED THAT SUGGESTION HAD NOT BEEN FORMALLY PRESENTED, BUT GOI WAS SOUNDING OUT US AND OTHERS

TO SEE WHETHER THERE WAS INTEREST. END QUOTE.

3. INDIAN AMB KAUL-SECRETARY KISSINGER, 12/7/73:

QUOTE: INDIAN OCEAN. KAUL NOTED THAT INCREASED US INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL PRESENCE PROMPTED QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT. IN THIS REGARD, INDIA WAS INTERESTED IN A CONFERENCE ON INDIAN OCEAN PROBLEM, WHICH MIGHT SPELL OUT RULES FOR PEACEFUL COMMERCE AND FIND WAY TO AVOID MILITARY RIVALRIES. SECRETARY SAID WE HAD NOT STUDIED THIS IDEA. END QUOTE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN RECENT MEETINGS WITH INDIAN FONMIN SINGH. INGERSOLL

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